



LWML CNH CHRISTIAN LIFE LINE

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IN PRAISE TO THE LORD!

*Sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Tell of His salvation from day to day.
Declare His glory among the nations.
I Chronicles 16:23-24*

This was the theme and scripture of the LWML Convention in Mobile, Alabama, on June 20-23, 2019. The goal of the convention was *Led by God's power, we praise and proclaim the Lord among all the nations*. The objectives of the convention: Sing and rejoice in celebration of His Word; Tell of His salvation for all; Declare His glory among the nations; Go forth in His joy!

This theme is repeated many, many times throughout the Psalms.

Psalm 95:1 – *Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.*

Psalm 81:1 – *Sing for joy to God our strength; shout aloud to the God of Jacob!*

And of course, Psalm 150

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet, praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe, praise him with the clash of cymbals, praise him with resounding cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD.

Martin Luther held music and especially singing in high regard. He wrote: *We can mention only one point (which experience confirms), namely, that next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. No greater commendation than this can be found – at least not by us. After all, the gift of language combined with the gift of song was only given to man to let him know that he should praise God with both word and music, namely, proclaiming the word of God through music.*

In 2 Chronicles 20, we learn that Jehoshaphat and the inhabitants of Judah prepared the battle by worshipping God. The next morning the singers went out before the army and the Lord defeated the enemy by having them destroy each other.

After Paul and Silas had been beaten, thrown into prison and secured in their stocks, Scripture tells us that at midnight, they were praying and singing praises to God! (Acts 16:25) What a testimony to their faith and trust in God. They also teach us that we can praise God in all circumstances.

Think about your favorite songs and hymns that praise God. Why not sing one or more of them now? It does not matter if you are alone or with a group. God hears everyone.

And so we come ... singing and praising God! Whether we sing with perfect pitch or a little off-key. Whether we sing melody or in harmony. Whether we keep the beat or lag behind. We SING!



We will have many opportunities to join our voices in praise or merely to listen and let the song minister to our hearts – at the *LWML CNH Retreat at ECCO*.

Our Song Leader for the weekend is Linda Dunn, a musician since the age of 10 playing the clarinet and guitar. By 2004, she started playing the harp. In 2005, she became interested in using her music for healing and enrolled in the Music for Healing and Transition Program and began an internship at Mercy General Hospital in Sacramento and Hinds Hospice in Fresno. Linda plays a 34 string Stoney End Harp as well as a 40 string Mürnseer Pedal Harp. The harp is a stringed musical instrument that has a number of individual strings running at an angle to its soundboard; the strings are plucked with the fingers.



Linda will lead us in our singing through the retreat weekend, as well as have a “Music Session” during the Saturday afternoon free time in the chapel, where there will be more singing, music requests, and shared experiences.

***Come praise the Lord at the beautiful Episcopal Conference Center
Oakhurst, August 23-25, 2019.***

DON'T BE THE ONE WHO MISSED THE LWML CNH RETREAT!
Early Registration Deadline is July 8th

The Retreat Package was sent to Zones and Societies end of March.